

SUMMARIZED MINUTES SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

Public Meeting Wednesday, April 19, 2006 City Hall Kiva Conference Room 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd. Scottsdale AZ 85251

CALL TO ORDER

The Budget Subcommittee meeting was called to order on Wednesday, April 19, 2006 at 1:08 PM in the Kiva Conference Room.

ROLL CALL

Subcommittee: Councilman Robert Littlefield, Chairman

Councilmember Betty Drake (arrived 1:30 PM)

Vice Mayor Ron McCullagh

Staff: Jan Dolan, Craig Clifford, Art Rullo, Neal Shearer, Deb Baird, Tom Beat,

Brent Stockwell, Chief Rodbell, Chief McDonald, Cheryl Barcala, Carolyn

Jagger

Also Present: Councilman Wayne Ecton, David Pillsbury (PGA), Bill Groves (PGA)

GENERAL BUSINESS

 Review proposal to rebuild TPC Scottsdale Desert Golf Course (David Pillsbury, PGA, Deb Baird, Tom Beat)

Mr. Pillsbury of the PGA provided a presentation outlining their vision for the Desert Golf Course. A proposed plan and budget were presented to raise the stature of this course and increase the number of rounds played. The budget includes about \$8.5M for redesign of the golf course, and about \$2M for an addition and renovations to the clubhouse, with a timeframe of about 12-16 months. Funding is detailed in the Lease Agreement between the PGA and the City, with bonds being sold for the \$10M and the lease payments from the PGA would be used to repay the bonds. According to the agreement, these funds shall only be used for projects at either the Desert or Stadium Course.

Ms. Dolan verified that at the direction of the Council, during negotiations of the terms of this proposal, staff may also request a contribution from the PGA for a separate fund for any unanticipated needs that arise in the future. The Subcommittee requested to be informed of that amount before making their recommendation on this proposal, and also requested assurance that no monies would be used from City funds for this project.

2. Review the proposed FY 2006/07 Budget by Service Area.

• Police (Chief Rodbell)

Chief Rodbell reviewed the proposed budget of \$80M and the proposal to add 26.5 new FTEs. Responding to Vice Mayor McCullagh, Chief Rodbell deemed the Criminalist position and the Patrol Services positions as the highest priorities of his staffing needs.

The cost of security for City Hall was questioned. Staff will calculate that portion of the security contract and provide the amount to the Subcommittee.

Federal and State guidelines for the use of RICO funds were discussed. It was determined that the City receives about \$200,000 a year in RICO funds, which may not be used to replace existing funding.

In discussion of the proposed CIP for two helicopters, Chief Rodbell said this is an enhancement that has been postponed, at the direction of Council, until the department is at full staffing. Now that full staffing will be attained, it is being brought forth this budget year, but the full impact would not be seen for two years.

• **Fire** (Chief McDonald)

Chief McDonald provided an overview of the proposed departmental budget of \$30,355,794, and proposed new CIPs which include a new ladder truck, purchase of land for fire stations, and construction of the new downtown fire station.

Discussion was held regarding a contract with Phoenix Fire Department with two components: Of the \$1.4M contract, about \$400,000 is for start up costs/equipment, \$674,000 for the annual dispatch fee for Scottsdale Fire Units, and \$348,000 for the annual dispatch fee for PMT Units. The City is reimbursed the \$348,000 by PMT Ambulance, and is also reimbursed by PMT for two ambulances staffed by Firefighters, and in July 2007 for two additional Scottsdale rescue personnel.

• City Auditor (Cheryl Barcala)

Cheryl Barcala indicated the \$7,494 increase in the City Auditor operating budget includes about \$3,000 for training. No additional staffing is needed.

• City Clerk (Carolyn Jagger)

Carolyn Jagger reviewed the proposed budget of \$1,089,588, and the decrease of \$51,041 as a result of fewer elections this year. Funds have been reallocated for two Executive Secretary positions transferred to the Clerk's office for City Council support.

Discussion was held regarding the cost of election publicity pamphlets, and Ms. Jagger said she will be reviewing election procedures for ways to improve the process and combine some of the costs.

3. Review and discuss meeting dates and work plan for the City Council Budget Subcommittee and make modifications, as needed.

It was determined that a meeting will be held Friday, April 28, 2006 at 2:00 PM during which each Subcommittee member will present their recommendations regarding the proposed budget. Staff will prepare a report from those recommendations, and the final report will be presented to the full Council at the Council meeting of May 9, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

Sandy Dragman

Recording Secretary

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